## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1995-1192-E - ORDER NO. 2008-295

APRIL 16, 2008

IN RE:	Proceeding for Approval of the Public Utility	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA)	)	REVISIONS TO SCE&G
	Avoided Cost Rates for Electric Companies	)	RATE PR-1

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the proposed revisions to Rate PR-1, Small Power Production, Cogeneration, filed by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "the Company") in this Docket.

By Order No. 96-570, this Commission approved the rate sheet of SCE&G entitled "PR-1, Small Power Production, Cogeneration" ("Rate PR-1"). Rate PR-1 specifies the Company's charges and credits for power received from qualifying facilities with a power production capacity no greater than 100 kilowatts. SCE&G now seeks Commission approval of certain revisions made to Rate PR-1. The revisions sought involve the energy credit, capacity credit, and seller charge. More specifically, the Company seeks to increase the on-peak energy credit to customers on Rate PR-1 from the current credit of \$0.02205 per KWH (Summer) to \$0.07775 per KWH. For the winter, the on-peak energy credit is increased from \$0.02011 per KWH to \$0.06346 per KWH. Additionally, the Company seeks to increase the off-peak energy credit to customers on

Rate PR-1 from the current credit of \$0.01551 per KWH (Summer) to \$0.05882 per KWH. The winter off-peak energy credit is increased from \$0.01638 per KWH to \$0.05589 per KWH.

In addition to the energy credit, the Company also revised Rate PR-1 to include a capacity credit that the Company will issue to customers who deliver energy to SCE&G's system during on-peak hours. The capacity credit is set at \$0.01546 per KWH.

Furthermore, SCE&G seeks to reduce the seller charge from the current charge of \$13.00 to \$4.50. No other revisions are proposed for Rate PR-1.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F) (Supp. 2007), the Commission may issue an order allowing rates and tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing when such rates "[d]o not require a determination of the entire rate increase and overall rate of return, or...do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility..." As SCE&G states, revised Rate PR-1 will not require a determination of the entire rate structure or result in an increase in rates for customers, therefore the rate revisions may be approved without notice or hearing. The rate revisions would become effective upon approval by the Commission. The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the requested revisions.

We have examined the proposed revisions, and find that the revisions have the effect of reducing charges and increasing the value of credits for those customers on Rate PR-1. We believe that the revisions to Rate PR-1 are just and reasonable. Accordingly, they are approved. SCE&G shall furnish ten (10) copies each of the revised tariff to this

Commission and to the Office of Regulatory Staff within ten (10) days after the Company's receipt of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

**ATTEST** 

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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